

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 16 and 17, and allowed claims 5, 6, 10-15 and 22-26. In the Advisory Action mailed November 12, 2004, the Examiner indicated that Applicants' arguments filed October 22, 2004 were not persuasive. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the references attributed to Robin and Gregory, Applicants hereby cancel claims 16 and 17. Therefore, previously allowed claims 5, 6, 10-15 and 22-26 remain pending in this application.

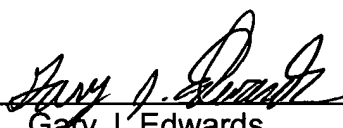
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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